



NPDES Waste Discharge Permit Modification Industrial Stormwater General Permit No. 1200-A

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Proposed Action

Modification of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Industrial Stormwater General Permit No. 1200-A

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Proposed Modifications

When the 1200-A was issued in 2012, Schedule A, Paragraph 12 (Tier II corrective actions) incorrectly stated that Tier II should be applied to impairment parameters. That this was not the intent is clear, because in the Permit Evaluation Report discussion of Tier II, only benchmark parameters is discussed. Uncommingled mine dewatering water from construction sand and gravel and crushed stone facilities are subject to pH effluent limits, and are therefore not subject to pH benchmarks. Therefore, for this type of discharge, Tier II will be triggered based on the effluent limits for pH. Similarly, uncommingled mine dewatering water from industrial sand facilities are subject to pH and TSS effluent limits, and therefore not subject to TSS and pH benchmarks. For these discharges, Tier II will be triggered by the effluent limits for TSS and pH.

The 1200-A incorporates shorter timeframes for both preparation of Tier II plans and implementation of Tier II, compared to the similar 1200-Z and 1200-COLS permits. DEQ reviewed the records for the 1200-A permit development, and found no justification for the differences. Therefore, DEQ is proposing to modify the 1200-A to make the Tier II deadlines the same as those in the 1200-Z and 1200-COLS permits:

Tier II plans must be submitted by December 31st of the third year of permit coverage, and Tier II measures must be implemented by June 30th of the fourth year of permit coverage (unless a later date is approved in writing by DEQ or Agent).